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THE SKRULL HOMEWORLD DIES TONIGHT.

HISTORY, AS IT HAS ALREADY BEEN WRITTEN, RECORDS THAT THESE ARE THE FINAL HOURS OF THE CHAPE-CHISTING ALIEN SKRULLS. THIS DAY, YEARS AGO...

...WOULD BE THEIR LAST.

SOMETHING HAS CHANGED, HOWEVER.

ON THIS ORBITING WAR-MOON, KNOWN SIMPLY AS INFILTRATION COMMAND --

-- SOMETHING IS NOW VERY, VERY DIFFERENT...

<MUTANTS - GENETICALLY-TWISTED CREAKS-->

TRANSLATED FROM THE SKRULL  
-- Bark --

<THE SUBVERSIVES ARE HUMAN MUTANTS? SOME OF THEM MATCH SYSTEM-PROFILES OF THE SO-CALLED X-MEN...>

<...TERRESTRIAL OUTLAWS AND TERRORISTS, FROM WHAT LITTLE WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO GLEAN OF THEIR UNDERGROUND ACTIVITIES FROM EARTH BROADCASTS?>



<EIGHT CONTACTS CONFIRMED, GENERAL HERE ON THE LUNAR TRAINING GROUNDS! TWO IN THE STAGE-EARTH CITY, SIX IN THE SKYR...>

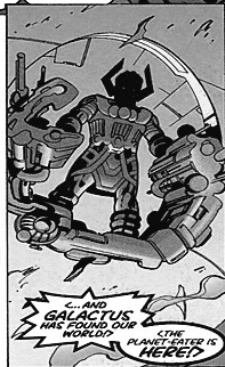
<SURELY THEY ARE NOT THE PROBLEM NOW.

<THEIR EARLY WARNING WAS TRUE -->



<...ALL TOO TRUE?>

<OUR ARMADA'S BEEN DESTROYED BY THE HERALD, NOVA...>



<...AND GALACTUS HAS FOUND OUR WORLD?>

<THE PLANET-EATER IS HERE!>



<NO!>

<IT'S A TRICK, DOLOTS! MUTANT DECEPTION!>

<INITIATE STRATAGEM ZETA-NINE -- QUICKLY-->

"...AND  
ERADICATE  
THE REST OF  
THE X-MEN!"

PLEASE  
DO NOT!

JUST THE  
EFFORT OF WILL  
REQUIRED TO MAKE  
CONTACT WITH SUCH  
A BEING COULD  
CRIPPLE YOU!

DO NOT DO THIS,  
PROFESSOR...

ENOUGH!

I AM  
AWARE OF  
THE RISKS,  
X-MEN...

...BUT I  
NO LONGER  
HAVE ANY  
CHOICE.

EVERY DAY,  
IN EVERY WAY, YOUR  
ACTIONS SET NEW  
STANDARDS OF COURAGE  
AND HONOR, MY  
FRIENDS, AND  
ONCE AGAIN...

...THE  
TEACHER MUST  
RYSE TO THE  
EXAMPLE OF HIS  
STUDENTS.

THE FOUNDING FATHER OF THESE X-MEN,  
PROFESSOR CHARLES XAVIER IS A  
TELEPATH SUPREME, POSSESSED OF  
A MIND FAR STRONGER THAN HIS BODY...

...AND A PSI-FORM  
ABLE TO TAKE HIM WHERE  
HIS DAMAGED LEGS CANNOT.

THROUGH THE EMPTY COLD OF  
SPACE ITSELF, FROM THE MOON  
TO MICHIGAN!



NOT TO  
MENTION THE FACT  
THAT YOUR BODY WILL  
BE LEFT DEFENSELESS  
AGAINST ALL THESE  
SKRULLS!

STAN LEE PRESENTS:

# EVE of DESTRUCTION

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SO MANY  
LIVES LOST  
HERE ALREADY.  
SO MANY STILL  
AT STAKE.



I MUST  
FINALLY CONFRONT  
THE SOURCE  
ITSELF...  
...FACE  
TO FACE.

STOP.

I KNOW  
OF YOUR HISTORY,  
GALACTUS -- KNOW OF  
YOUR ETERNAL HUNGER  
FOR THE LIFE-ENERGIES  
OF WORLD AFTER  
WORLD --

BUT I  
SPEAK NOW  
TO YOUR  
HEART.  
I SEE  
IT IN YOUR  
EYES, ANCIENT  
ONE...

... YOU ARE  
MORE THAN THE  
UNFEELING FORCE OF  
NATURE DESCRIBED BY  
THE FEW SURVIVORS OF  
YOUR PASSING.  
AND ON  
BEHALF OF THE  
EIGHT BILLION SKEWAL  
SOULS WHO WILL PERISH  
IF YOU PROCEED, I APPEAL  
TO YOU FOR MERCY THIS --

YOU  
DO NOT  
BELONG  
HERE.

TRUE.

MY X-MEN AND I WERE MISTAKENLY DELIVERED TO THIS PLACE AND TIME — SOME YEARS IN OUR OWN PAST...

...TO A DATE FOREVER REMEMBERED BY ALL THE UNIVERSE...

...AS THE DAY YOU CONSUMED THIS PLANET.



BUT THE DETAILS ARE UNIMPORTANT. IF THERE IS A REASON WE ARE HERE, AND I MUST BELIEVE THERE IS...

...IT IS TO PREVENT THE ATROCITY YOU MEAN TO PERPETRATE.

WHY?

WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO SAVE THE SKRULL HUMAN?

YOU KNOW FULL WELL WHO THEY ARE, WHAT THEY WOULD DO TO YOU, TO YOUR PEOPLE...

...YET YOU DEFEND THEM.

YES.

MY VISION EXTENDS TO THE MINDS OF OTHERS, GALACTUS.

AND EVEN NOW — ESPECIALLY NOW, THROUGH THE CONFUSION AND PANIC CAUSED BY YOUR VERY PRESENCE —

...THE STRENGTH OF REAL FAITH, ECHOED IN WHISPERED PRAYERS.

...THE UNSHAKABLE INNOCENCE OF THE YOUNG.

— I CANNOT ESCAPE THE OVERWHELMING LOVE OF FAMILIES UNITED IN SUPPORT AGAINST THE INEVITABLE END...

OPEN YOUR EYES, WORLD-SLAYER.

SEE WHAT I SEE FOR A MOMENT — SEE FOR YOURSELF —

FOR EVEN ONE SUCH AS YOU CANNOT BE IMPERVIOUS TO THE FEELINGS OF AN ENTIRE RACE!





MEANWHILE, ON THE MOON  
ABOVE -- IN THE SECTOR  
DESIGNATED STAGE-EARTH --

-- THE FERAL X-MAN KNOWN  
AS WOLVERINE IS LOST TO  
THE MADDENING CROWD.

UHK

A CROWD OF SKRULL SPIES-  
IN-TRAINING TO BE PRECISE,  
WEARING THE FRANKLIN BOONS  
OF SUPERHUMAN HEROES AND  
VILLAINS THEY WOULD REPLACE...

...AND WIELDING THEIR  
FULL ARRAY OF POWERS.

...AND BEYOND.

BUT IN THE  
END, HE IS  
ONLY ONE  
MAN.



LOGAN'S MUTANT HEALING FACTOR  
WORKS OVERTIME, STITCHING AND  
SEALING WOUNDS ALMOST AS  
RAPIDLY AS THEY'RE INFLICTED.

OH  
OH OH OH



IT FEELS SO GOOD!

HIS ANIMAL-KEEN  
SENSES AND  
REFLEXES ARE PUT  
TO THE TEST,  
STRETCHED TO  
THEIR VERY LIMITS...



AND ONE MAN ALONE  
IS NOT ALWAYS ENOUGH.

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HELP...?

FROM  
ANOTHER  
SKRULL  
RINGER?

A DEAD  
RINGER  
FER --



... JOHN  
PROUDSTAR?  
THE  
LATE JOHN  
PROUDSTAR...

RELAX  
WOLVIE...  
...THUNDERBIRD'S  
ON OUR SIDE!





...SAME  
GOS FOR  
ADAM WARLOCK  
AND CAPTAIN  
MARVEL HERE!

SHE APPEARS AS IF FROM  
NOWHERE. THIS SHADOWCAT.

ANOTHER MUTANT, WITH THE ABILITY  
TO PHASE THROUGH SOLID OBJECTS.  
KITTY PRYDE IS A FELLOW X-MAN...

...AND FRIEND.

BEEN LOOKIN' FER  
YOU, GIRL...

FIGURED AS  
MUCH WHEN WE HEARD  
PROFESSOR XAVIER'S RADIO  
WARNING.

MY DANCE-  
PARTNERS DIDN'T BELIEVE IT  
AT FIRST, LOGAN, BUT THE WARLOCK  
DOPPLEGANGER'S ENGINEERED  
TO BE A TELEPATH...

...AND WHAT HE  
SAID IN MY THOUGHTS  
AND MEMORIES CONVINCED  
HIM THE PROF COULD  
BE TRUSTED.

THE BOYS  
DID EVERYTHING THEY  
COULD TO CONVINCE THEIR  
BOSSSES AFTER THAT. THEY  
BEGGED AND PLEADED, NOT  
SO MUCH FOR THEIR  
OWN LIVES...

...AS THE LIVES OF THEIR  
FAMILIES ON THE HOMEWORLD.

"BUT THEY'RE FUGITIVES  
THEMSELVES -- REGARDED  
AS USELESS SINCE THE  
REAL WARLOCK, MAXWELL  
AND THUNDERBIRD DIED



...AND USELESSNESS  
IS A CRIME  
HERE.

MEANS WE  
AIN'T GOT MUCH  
TIME, CAT. WE GOTTA  
FIND THE OTHER  
X-MEN AN'  
GET AWAY FROM  
HERE...  
...FAR WAY.

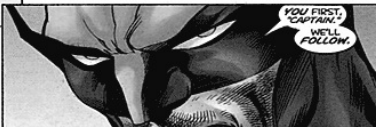
MIGHT NOT BE  
THAT EASY.

THUNDERBIRD  
INTERCEPTED A  
TRANSMISSION SAYING  
THE REST OF THE TEAM'S  
IN THE SHIPAR SIM-CITY NOW.



THEN WE NEED  
TRANSPORTATION.  
FAST.

WE CAN  
TAKE YOU TO A  
CRAFT, X-MEN.



YOU FIRST,  
CAPTAIN.  
WE'LL  
FOLLOW.

"TRAPPED."

"FROM DE SOUND OF THINGS  
OUTSIDE, DIS ENTIRE HOSPITAL --  
OR WHATEVER DEY CALL IT IN  
SHYARESE --"

-- IS  
UNDER  
SIEGE.  
GTH!  
LET'S  
MURDER  
THEY!

NOT DAT  
GAMBIT'S GOING  
ANYWHERE  
JUST NOW,  
ANYWAY.

NOT  
WIT'OUT  
MARROW.

DE GIRL  
IS DYIN' -- FROM  
INJURIES CAUSED  
BY ME, BY MY  
ARROGANCE --

-- AN' DAT MED-  
POD'S STILL HER  
ONLY HOPE.

CAN'T EVEN  
IMAGINE WHAT WOULD  
HAPPEN IF DE PROCEDURE  
WERE INTERRUPTED AT  
DIS STAGE.

DE PROGRAMMER'S DOWN  
FR DE COUNT ALREADY, AN'  
ALL DIS ALIEN TECH'S  
TOTALLY... ALIEN T'  
ME --

-- SO WE  
GOT T' SEE DIS  
THROUGH TO DE  
END NOW.

ONLY RECENTLY RETURNED TO THE X-MEN FOLD, REMY LOBEAU  
IS A MUTANT WITH THE ABILITY TO CHARGE INANIMATE OBJECTS  
WITH EXPLOSIVE BIO-KINETIC ENERGY...  
...AND A MAN OF MANY,  
MANY SECRETS.

PLAYED MY  
PART IN HURTIN'  
SARAH ONCE  
BEFORE.

THE  
MASSACRE THAT  
TOOK HER MORLOCK  
KIN AWAY FROM HER  
HAPPENED, IN LARGE  
PART, BECAUSE OF MY  
SELFISHNESS.

NOW  
SHE'S GOT NO  
OTHER FAMILY  
BUT THE  
X-MEN.

I  
WON'T LET  
HER DOWN  
AGAIN!





ALTHOUGH  
YOU WOULD HAVE  
MOVED ME BY THE  
SUPPOSED NOBILITY  
AND GOODNESS OF  
THE HIDDEN  
MASSES BELOW...

...I WILL  
SEE YOU TOUCHED  
BY THE DEPTHS OF  
THEIR HATRED,  
INSTEAD.



YEAR!



W-WHY...?



THE  
SKULL ARE  
WARRIORS  
GALACTUS.  
AND  
THEY ARE  
FRIGHTENED  
BEYOND ALL  
MEASURE.

A  
PEOPLE SHOULD  
BE JUDGED NOT  
BY THEIR LOWEST,  
MOST BASE,  
INSTINCTS...



...BUT  
BY THEIR  
HIGHEST  
ASPIRATIONS.  
BY  
THE VERY  
BEST  
THEY...



NO.  
HE  
LISTENS, BUT  
HE WILL NOT  
HEAR...



...AND  
MY PSI-FORM  
IS FADING  
ALREADY.

I  
DON'T HAVE  
THE STRENGTH  
LEFT NOW TO  
RETURN TO MY  
PHYSICAL  
BODY...

"... ON  
THE MOON  
ABOVE..."

תאן דס  
זאן תאן?  
תאן?

האן דס  
תאן דס תאן  
תאן תאן?

— תאן תאן?  
תאן תאן תאן  
תאן תאן תאן  
תאן תאן?

COULDA  
GUESSED.

ONLY  
ONE LIFEBOAT  
AN' A COUPLE O'  
HUNDRED  
RATS...

...DESPERATELY  
DETERMINED NOT  
TO GO DOWN WITH  
THE SHIP.

STREACHEROUS  
COWARD?

THIS LAST  
ESCAPE CRAFT  
BELONGS TO ALL OF US,  
GENERAL — TO ALL THE  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
WE MIGHT STILL  
REACH WITH  
IT — ?

...NOT  
JUST THE SKULL  
WITH THE  
BIGGEST...?  
**ARRGH!**

WRONG  
"BROTHER!"

LET'S  
EVERY MAN  
FOR HIMSELF  
NOW!

HEADS  
UP, CAP!

CREEP'S  
POWER-PACK IS  
SPITTIN' SPARKS.  
ABOUT TO --

"MARROW...  
DAT YOU  
GIRL?"



"...WHILE WE  
STILL CAN."

ARE YOU  
GALACTUS...  
PLEASE...

DOWN  
THERE.

I AM A  
PRIMAL FORCE  
OF THE UNIVERSE.  
THE END THAT  
COMES TO ALL  
EVENTUALLY.

I AM  
BEYOND SUCH  
PETTY  
MORALITY.

YOU  
FAIL TO  
UNDERSTAND.

YOU  
THOUGHT TO  
CHANGE HISTORY,  
CHARLES XAVIER.  
YET, IF YOU  
KNEW THIS IS  
THE WAY IT  
WAS...

...YOU  
MUST HAVE  
KNOWN IT IS  
THE WAY IT  
WOULD  
BE.



NICE PHASEY, PUMKIN.

SECOND TIME TODAY YA SAVED MY TAIL.

STARTIN' TO THINK IT'S WHAT I DO BEST.

WHAT ABOUT THE SKRULLS, THOUGH, LOGAN? ARE YOU PICKING UP ANY SIGNS OFF --



...OR DYIN'.

ADAM...?

TAKE THE SHIP AND GO. X-MEN! QUICKLY...

...THE PLANET IS DOOMED, AS IS THIS MOON.



DEAD. ALL OF 'EM...



THERE IS NOTHING MORE YOU CAN DO.

COME WITH US, THEN.

NO, SHADOWCAT...

...OUR ONLY DESIRE WAS TO BE A PART OF SKRULL SOCIETY ONCE MORE. BUT BECAUSE OUR DEEP-COVER PHYSICAL TRANSFORMATIONS WERE SO COMPLETE -- AND PERMANENT --

-- WE WERE EXCLUDED BY OUR OWN.

NOW, AT LEAST, WE CAN BE ONE WITH OUR KIN AGAIN...



...IF ONLY IN DEATH.

BUT BEFORE YOU GO, CHILD...

...A GIFT...



NOOOO!

PROFESSOR...?

HE  
IGNORED  
ME --

-- JUST  
SHUNTED ME  
BACK TO THE  
SKRULL MOON  
WITHOUT A  
SECOND  
THOUGHT...

THANK  
THE BRIGHT  
LADY!

YOU  
WERE GONE  
FROM YOUR  
BODY SO  
LONG...

BA  
WHA TO  
DRA!

BA  
WHA TO  
DRA! BA  
WHA TO  
DRA!

BA  
WHA TO  
DRA!

AND  
EVERY NIGHT  
AS WELL.  
STORM.

CRICK!

KOO OOH

HOON  
WHA TO  
DRA!

...AND WE  
HAD EVERY  
REASON TO  
FEAR THE  
WORST.

I'VE  
FAILED US  
ALL.



# STARS-H-L-P?!

CITIES CRUMBLE BEFORE THE  
APPETITE OF GALACTUS.

YES,  
YES,  
AND...

...OH,  
YEAH!

I PICKED  
UP A SORT OF  
CRASH-COURSE  
ON HOW TO  
FLY ONE!

AS IT'S DRAINED DRY OF THE  
INEFFABLE ENERGIES THAT  
BIND IT, THE GRAVITATIONAL  
FIELD OF THE SKRULL HOME-  
WORLD FLUCTUATES ONCE...

...AND ITS MOON  
IS NO MORE.

YOU MIGHT  
WANT TO REPHRASE  
THAT, KATZCHEN --

--WITHOUT  
THE WORD  
"CRASH," IF AT ALL  
POSSIBLE.

BUT YOU  
ARE DOING FINE,  
OTHERWISE.

RESPONDING  
FROM INSTINCT  
MOSTLY, EVEN IF THE  
EXPERIENCE ISN'T  
ACTUALLY MINE.

CALL  
IT A GET,  
K-MEN.

ANOTHER  
SEIZURE...

...AND THE TORTURED  
FIELD ITSELF COLLAPSES.

GRAVITY LOSES  
ITS GRIP.

THE PLANET'S  
WITHERING CRUST  
SHIVERS, SHUDERS...

...THEN  
SHATTERS  
COMPLETELY.

EXPOSED TO THE HEAT OF ITS  
OWN MAGMA CORE, THE  
ATMOSPHERE INSTANTLY BURNS  
AWAY IN A BLINDING PYRE.

AND THE PEOPLE OF THE SKULL --  
ALL THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN AND DONE  
FOR MILLENNIA UPON MILLENNIA,  
ALL THEY MIGHT EVER HAVE BECOME --

--ARE REDUCED  
TO ASH.

AND FINALLY,  
AT THE VERY  
END --

-- THERE SIMPLY  
ARE NO WORDS.



WHY...?

HE WAS TOTALLY REMORSELESS IN THE MIDDLE OF ABSOLUTE GENOCIDE --

-- WHY WOULD HE ACT TO PRESERVE MY LIFE?

THE NATURE OF GALACTUS DOES NOT LEND ITSELF TO EASY ANSWERS, PROFESSOR, EVEN AT THE BEST OF TIMES...

...AND YOU ARE EXHAUSTED NOW, POSSIBLY EVEN IN SHOCK.

JOIN THE CLUB.

HERE'S THE DEAL. GANG. BOTTOM LINE.

WE'RE ALL ALONE OUT HERE, ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE GALAXY, YEARS IN THE PAST.

ALTHOUGH THIS SHIP'S BUILT FOR INTERSTELLAR TRAVEL, LIFE-SUPPORT IS LIMITED AND THERE'S NO FOOD AT ALL.

BUT...

YOU HAVE A SOLUTION?

YUP.



I'VE PLOTTED A COURSE HOME, THE LONG WAY AROUND.

YEARS LONGER, ACTUALLY, FACTORING IN THE EXACT AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED --

-- TO GET US BACK TO EARTH JUST AFTER WE LEFT...

NOT SURE I LIKE THE IDEA OF BEING FROZEN FOR THAT LONG...

AND THE SHIP OFFERS INTERNAL SUSPENDED-ANIMATION OPTIONS, SO WE CAN HIBERATE SAFELY UNTIL --

WHOA.

BACK UP THERE, KIDDO.



NO ICE, NO GAS, NO DRUGS.

IT'S A STASIS-FIELD, LOGAN.

ONCE EVERYONE'S COMFORTABLE...

...IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.



WE  
APPEAR TO  
HAVE ARRIVED  
BEFORE WE  
LEFT!

THAT  
ENERGY  
RIPPLE AT  
THE NORTH  
POLE...

...IT IS GENERATING FROM  
THE TOWER-BASE ESTABLISHED  
BY MAGNETO!

IT'S THE  
ELECTRO-MAGNETIC  
DISRUPTION THAT  
PSYCHO USED T'  
BLACKMAIL THE  
WORLD!

AN'  
THERE'S  
MORE.

SENSOR  
SCANS CONFIRM  
OUR PRESENCE,  
ALSO...

...STILL  
OUT THERE  
ON THE ICE,  
HELPLESS.

NOT T'  
MENTION --

JOSEPH...

...RIGHT  
BEFORE HE DIED  
AT THE HANDS OF  
THAT WITCH,  
ASTRA.

WE  
CAN SAVE  
JOSEPH!

AN' STOP  
MAGNETO FROM  
BEIN' HANDED  
GENOSHA ON A  
SILVER  
PLATTER!

IS IT  
POSSIBLE,  
PROFESSOR...  
...CAN WE TRULY  
CHANGE  
HISTORY?

WE CAN  
TRY, THAT'S  
FER SURE

CHARLES XAVIER SAYS  
NOTHING.

NONE HEAR THE WORDS  
ECHOING IN HIS MEMORY --  
THE LAST WORDS SHARED BY  
THE CELESTIAL GALACTUS --

— THE WAY  
IS WAS... —

WHAT  
THE—?!

... IS THE WAY  
IT WOULD BE... —

KKRAM

HANG  
ON,  
EVERYO—

OOPH

UUP

YAAA—

Next:  
**M-TECH! DOUBLOCK! X-5! DEATHLOK!** And The Surprise  
Villain of the Year!



# X-Pressions

Dear X-PRESSIONS,

I have read your comics for years. My favorite characters are Rogue and Gambit. But lately, both of them have been acting... well, childish. Rogue is constantly depressed. She acts nothing like the previous Rogue we all knew and loved. Gambit is not very suave or risky anymore, he's simply gloomy all the time. Anyway, I do have some questions for you guys.

1. Rogue has been around too long, and we still don't know her name. When do you guys plan on telling us her real name? Haven't we waited long enough?

2. Even though Rogue has recently been using her powers to their full potential, she is still lacking something she should have by now: CONTROL! When will Rogue get control of her powers? She deserves to be able to touch and kiss; it's not fair to her.

3. Why doesn't Peter get together with Kitty? I would greatly enjoy the combination. Besides, Kitty deserves a nice guy to love her, she's a wonderful character!

4. Why did you change the way Rogue's hair looked? I loved the "V" shape and the long white blaze going down it. Why is her white hair suddenly so short? She has had a variety of changes in her hair length, but please, don't change the color proportions.

5. Why is everyone changing Rogue's eye color? She has emerald green eyes but I've seen her with brown and blue lately. Just draw her with her green eyes, they look better on her.

Ok, I think that is about it. Until Rogue becomes the Phoenix, make mine Marvel!

Deborah Hayward  
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Gambit not risky??? Didn't you think Gambit taking Marrow to be healed (all by himself, for that matter) was risky??? And you should see all the death-defying stunts Gambit pulls off in his own monthly series. But enough of that, let's get down to your questions:

1) Unum... to tell you the truth, not. 2) That's why she's at Xavier's to learn how to control her power. Her level of control over her ability is a problem that she'll always struggle with. Will she ever have enough control to have a normal life? Only time will tell. What we can assume is that she'll be using her powers more aggressively.

3) They were together already, but that doesn't mean there can't be love in the air for those two once again!

4) Don't you change your hairstyle every once in a while? That's what she likes to do, she likes to keep up with the current styles. Maybe she'll find something she likes, someday.

5) Well, the way we like to explain it is... her eyes change colors because she did absorb some people's traits, such as Cyclops (the boy from his childhood) and Ms. Marvel, and eye color is one of those traits. So, sometimes her eyes do have different colors.

Dear X-PRESSIONS:  
I love the X-Men  
and I love the team as

is. But I would like you to bring back the original five, because I like the thought of having two teams, both equal in power. You call one team Uncanny and the other X-Men. Here's my suggestion:

Team #1: Cyclops, Jean Grey, Colossus, Marrow, Shadowcat, Angel.

Team #2: Storm, Wolverine, Iceman, Rogue, Gambit.

In addition I liked how Nightcrawler looked in Excalibur. I think the swords were very cool and it would be nice if he got them back.

Marshall Cade  
(Address withheld by request)

Separate teams, you say? Jean and Scott, you ask? Well...keep your eyes peeled in July. 'Nuff said!

Dear X-PRESSIONS,

I have just finished reading X-MEN #88 and I'll admit that I am really enjoying Alan Davis' run on this book. I liked how he dealt with Joseph's mourners. They did not take over the title (as the original X-Men happen to do) and did not take away from the current team.

My only problem with this issue is that Rogue's role was downplayed. I appreciate that in order for her to make an appearance in the Magneto Rex limited series, she would not be able to embark on this new mission; however, she could at least have had a speaking part, since she is one of the X-Men's most vocal members.

Now for some questions:

1) Does Phoenix have her psionic powers back? She lost them due to the events of the Psi-war, but was apparently able to use them in this issue. I'll be extremely glad if she does! She is, in my opinion, the X-Man with the best-developed powers.

2) How long will Alan Davis be with us? I read somewhere that he would pencil for six issues, but now that he's plotting as well, I was wondering if he would stay on longer.

3) Why was Gambit so worried about Marrow when he hit her with his charged cards? The two have had some semblance of a friendship I know, but I think he went overboard for just a friend. Perhaps he feels guilty over his role in the deaths of her Morlock family?

Ronan McFadden  
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Well, we're real glad you're having a great time reading the current issues of X-MEN. As for you feeling that Rogue did not have a big speaking part, fear not... 'Cause she'll be playing a more active role in the upcoming issues of UNCANNY X-MAN, as well as X-MEN. Now, let's get down to the fun part, the questions:

1) Yes, she does! Some people were less affected than others, and for different lengths of times. For example, X-Man had lost his lethality, but not his telekinesis. But it is safe to say that Phoenix has her powers back.

2) Hopefully, for a very long time! We talked to Alan, and he said that it's hard work, but he is having a great time doing it.

3) Well, we had a lot of concern for his friend. Wouldn't you? That's what teamwork is all about, bending over backwards for your teammates. But you're right, there's a good chance he is feeling some guilt over the Morlock incident.

Dear X-PRESSIONS,

I have a very important question that I need answered. In issue 84 of your fine publication,

Rogue asked Gambit to explain the things she saw while absorbing his mind in Tajikistan after the whole Cerebro thing was over. Well?? Where's the explanation??

Ever since we saw the ghostly woman back in issue 81, I have been wondering who it is. Is it Bella Donna Bourdeaux??? Many others are probably wanting this mystery revealed. Also, I am very pleased to see Xavier back!!! The X-Men need him and his expertise as well as the Danger Room. Please do not bring Scott and Jean back!!! Storm is a better leader than Cyclops and she adds oomph to the team. Another thing I'd like to add is that Nightcrawler, Colossus and Shadowcat are a great addition to the team. I started collecting comics only last year and so I never saw them in the X-Men comics. Keep up the great work!!!

Michael Cicirilo  
Australia

Fine publication? Well, that's one we haven't heard in a while. That's why we are here, Michael, to answer important questions. And the explanation is not very far away! You think it's Bella Donna, huh? Well, check out our Gambit Annual on sale in July for some fine answers to your questions.

Mail and Free Gifts Marvel,

Especially with the most recent issues of UNCANNY X-MEN, X-MEN, and GENERATION X, I'm finding it very difficult to keep the issues in order. That is to say, they don't appear to be a standard issue order (Uncanny always first in order, etc.), despite the story lines overlapping as they do. Is there a listing maintained by Marvel which lists the proper order of issues, so fans can keep the events in proper, chronological order?

Noel Graham  
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Noel, this is a great question, and we'll be happy to address it for you. In most cases, if there is a crossover in the X-titles, we'll number the issue. For example, the 7th part of the X-Force Saga is X-MEN #18. And on the issue, we numbered it Part 7. It is also helpful if you check out the next issue boxes in the letters page each month. We usually tell you what issues the story will pick up in.

We also try to coordinate our stories with other X-books according to the way they ship each month. Here is a list of X-books, and the week in which they ship each month. One-shots and limited series are not listed.

Week One: UNCANNY X-MEN and CABLE

Week Two: GENERATION X and MUTANT X

Week Three: X-MEN and X-MAN

Week Four: WOLVERINE, X-FORCE, and GAMBIT

Hope this helps you out, Noel, as well as our other faithful readers.

## NEXT-ISSUE:

WARLOCK, DEATHLOCK, AND X-SI, O MY! CHECK OUT OUR NEXT ARC, "PAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE," STARTING IN UNCANNY X-MEN #91, WHERE YOU'LL SEE ALL THE M-TECH CHARACTERS APPEAR, AND DON'T MISS THE 2ND PART OF THIS ARC IN OUR NEXT EXCITING ISSUE, BROUGHT TO YOU BY ALAN DAVIS AND GUEST PENCILER ANDREW ROBINSON!

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